The DAC Digest
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📝 NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS

SPRING 2016 ASSESSMENT DATA PUBLIC RELEASE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18:
The statewide data for ACT, Forward Exam, and DLM assessments was released publicly yesterday, October 18. Performance data from these assessments are available in the WISEdash public portal. You may access the press release information from the DPI main webpage.

FORWARD EXAM - SCIENCE ITEM REVIEW
The Science test item review for the Forward Exam is taking place this week. Thank you for assisting in getting us the names of educators to participate. During these meetings, Wisconsin educators review test questions for item quality, alignment, difficulty, complexity, and grade- and language-level appropriateness, as well as ensure that questions are free of bias and sensitivity. Statewide educator involvement in the development of Forward Exam helps to shape the continued progress of a high quality Wisconsin assessment.

ISES to WISEdata Transition & ACCESS for ELLs Rosters
Large numbers of districts have already begun pushing data from their SIS to WISEdata. (A complete list of schools is here.) If your district has not yet implemented this feature, please work with your DTC and SIS vendor to enable data flow to WISEdata. **If you will be testing ACCESS for ELLs this fall, it is imperative that we be able to extract your roster information from WISEdata after the end of the day on 10/24.** Should you have any questions re: ACCESS rosters, please contact Jesse Roberts.

~Viji
Viji Somasundaram, Director - Office of Student Assessment

REPORT CARD INQUIRY
In OEA, we are continuing to work through a record number of inquiries. There are a few recurring questions, and I'd like to address one of those here. Many educators have asked why the district report card scores, in some cases, differ so much from school scores. Here's the scoop on how the district report card works.

First, it's important to know that the school scores are not averaged to arrive at the district score. Rather, the district is treated as one big school, in which all student data is aggregated. This often means that there are subgroup scores at the district level but not enough students at the school level to be reported on the school report card. In both the school and district report card, we use a group size/cell size of 20 students. If there are less than 20 students in a group, we do not calculate a score; and you'll see NA on the report card. A small cell size is common in many Wisconsin schools – but at the district level – there may be enough students (i.e. 20 or more) to calculate a score. As a result, there are many districts that have different scores and ratings than the schools within that district.

Additionally, rates of poverty sometimes vary greatly between schools within a district. Now that poverty rate impacts the weighting of the student achievement and growth priority areas into the overall score, the differences in these poverty rates between schools and the district as a whole could be reflected in overall scores.

I hope that helps explain the scores you're seeing. As a reminder, after OEA finishes resolving open inquiries, we'll be updating report cards in SAFE so you can review them prior to the public release. We will be sure to let you know when those updated report cards are available. As always, if you have any questions or comments please let us know: oeamail@dpi.wi.gov.

~Laura
Laura Pinsonneault, Director - Office of Educational Accountability

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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

FORWARD EXAM_____

- *REMINDER - 2017 eDirect Permissions*
  - Emails granting eDIRECT permissions for the 2017 administration of the Wisconsin Forward Exam were sent to DACs on 10/11. The emails were sent to existing and returning DACs. If you did not receive this communication, please first check your spam for an email address from the @datarecognitioncorp.com domain. Please contact the DRC helpdesk: email - WIHelpDesk@datarecognitioncorp.com; Phone - 800-459-6530.

- *REMINDER - Forward Exam District Technology Coordinator (DTC) Training:*
  - DTC trainings were held last week. The event was recorded and will be posted on the DPI website by Friday, October 21.

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS_____

ACT with writing and ACT WorkKeys
- *NEW -* **Test management systems will be available the week of November 7**
  - The timeline for ACT test administration starts later this year. The week of November 7, two online systems will be available for the statewide ACT administration:
    - (1) PearsonAccess^next™ for test participation management and confirming test coordinator roles, and
    - (2) Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) for accommodations requests
  - Look for an email from ACT the week of November 7 with further instructions.
- *REMINDER - Accommodations Q&A Session Training Webinar*
  - ACT will lead a webinar Q&A session on accommodations at 10am on November 16. Details on how to access the webinar will be communicated through the DAC Digest. Following the webinar, a recording will be posted to the DPI ACT Training webpage.
- *REMINDER - Welcome to Your Testing Program Letter*
  - On either the DPI ACT web page or the ACT WI web page, please view the ACT and ACT WorkKeys Welcome to your Testing Program Letter. This document includes a list of changes for 2016-17, common terms used, and a testing process overview.
- *REMINDER - Accommodations*
  - The window for test coordinators to submit requests for ACT-approved accommodations in the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) for the ACT statewide exam is November 7, 2016 – January 20, 2017.

ACT Aspire
- *REMINDER - Modified Test Times:* The test times for several Aspire test sections have changed. Please review the ACT Aspire Test Times by Subject.

ACCESS for ELLs_____

- *NEW -* **Roster pull next week**
  - A list of schools pushing data to WISEdata is here.
    - **If your schools are not on this list, contact your SIS vendor to find out how to enable syncing with WISEdata.**
    - **ACCESS for ELLs rosters for districts not syncing with WISEdata may be generated from 2015-16 Year-End data, or not generated at all.**
- *NEW -* **State Checklist Released**
  - **https://www.wida.us/membership/states/WI/index.aspx**
    - Click on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Checklist on the right for a document with dates for all parts of ACCESS for ELLs testing.
    - Modify and share as needed to support testing in your district.
- *REMINDER -* **Material Ordering Window Closes November 1**
  - ACCESS testing materials must be ordered by November 1.
    - Online tests, full Paper Tests, and specialty (braille, e.g.) tests
  - Paper Writing domain Booklets
    - Students in grades 1-3 will have these automatically sent with an Online order.
    - Students in grades 4-12 default to keyboarding and will **not** have these automatically sent.
    - The option to order grade 4-12 paper Writing domain booklets will occur during the Additional Materials window starting November 30th.
- *REMINDER -* **Districts who upload Private School Pre-ID files by November 1 will receive Pre-ID labels to be placed on booklets.**
- *REMINDER -* **WIDA-AMS and WIDA.us Accounts**
  - If you need accounts on either website, contact Jesse Roberts to ensure that your accounts are activated.
  - Please set up accounts for others in your district who need them.
- *REMINDER -* **Webinar Dates available here**.
- *REMINDER -* **Updated training materials for 2016-2017 are available on the WIDA website.**

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)_____

- **NEW - DLM Wisconsin Webpage-** DLM® staff have been working on providing the consortium with a new, more user-friendly website that will be made available to everyone tomorrow morning, October 20, 2016. When opening the Wisconsin webpage, you will see the new design layout with clickable dropdown categories of:
  - Manuals and Blueprints;
  - Videos, Training, and Educator Resources;
  - Templates; Scoring and Reporting; and
  - Supplemental Resources.

Other popular pages are accessible using the blue ribbon at the top of each page. Although the state page URLs did not change, many other pages have new URLs. Please browse through the site and update your bookmarks as necessary since previously bookmarked pages could be broken. We hope this update makes it easier for users to efficiently access the documents they need.

- *REMINDER -* <mark>DPI will be updating the school and district list found in KITE Educator Portal beginning the week of October 24</mark>. This update will delete Individual Student Reports *ONLY* for students who attended a school in the 2015-16 school year that has since closed or been assigned a new school code in the 2016-17 school year. Districts should download and save all Individual Student Reports prior to the update to ensure that these records are maintained**.**
  - *REMINDER* - The **_bundled_** version of DLM ISRs in Educator Portal is now functioning correctly. The bundled version of the ISRs allows districts to print multiple student reports at the school-level at one time. All reports (individual and bundled) are available only to those with the roles of District Superintendent, District Test Coordinator, and Building Test Coordinator. Please download and share with teachers and parents. Refer to the bottom of the DLM Data and Results webpage for helpful resources related to the DLM ISRs.

- *REMINDER -* DACs should not give out, loan, or share their passwords with others in their districts.   Should district assessment coordinators need to provide Educator Portal access to additional users, they should create a 'District User' account for that individual. The role of 'District Test Coordinator' can only be assigned by DPI. Should DLM suspect a user account has been compromised (i.e. shared login/password information with multiple users), they will deactivate the account in an attempt to protect access to student information in Educator Portal.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) selected schools only

- *REMINDER* - **The student list submission "e-file" window opened last week** on October 3.
  - Designated school coordinators should follow the instructions and use the excel template posted on MyNAEP. Please note that the *Provide School Information* form on MyNAEP needs to be completed *before* submitting the e-file. E-files are due October 31.
  - For assistance with e-filing or MyNAEP please contact the NAEP Help Desk or 800-283-6237.
  - All other questions can be directed to Angela Dugas, Wisconsin NAEP State Coordinator.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES *(New items added this week are designated in **bold**)*

Important Dates to Remember		
October	4 - November 1: Test material ordering window	ACCESS
	4 - November 1: Pre-ID upload window for non-public schools	ACCESS
	24: Ensure SIS is up-to-date, syncing with WISEdata	ACCESS
	3 - 31: NAEP schools submit student list via "e-filing" on MyNAEP	NAEP
November	1: Last day for Ordering, Private School Pre-ID file upload due	ACCESS
	3: OSA Office Hours Webinar (9:30 - 10:30)	General
	7 - December 16: DACs and test coordinators manage participation information in PearsonAccess^next™	ACT
	7 - January 20: Test Coordinators may submit requests for ACT-approved accommodations in the TAA	ACT
	16: ACT Accommodations Q&A training session webinar (10am)	ACT

Important Tasks to Remember

Tasks	Category
❏ Review and/or share information from 10/12 training (recording to be posted **by 10/21**)	Forward
❏ Review "Welcome to your Testing Program" Letter ❏ Note ACT, ASPIRE, and WorkKeys 2018 administration dates; communicate to relevant team members ❏ Print and distribute ACT WorkKeys NCRCs ❏ Print and distribute ACT Aspire Individual Student Reports (ISRs)	ACT High School Assessments
❏ Ensure user accounts are up-to-date on WIDA.us, WIDA-AMS.us websites ❏ Note webinar dates; share with district staff who may be interested ❏ Order Test Materials: Online, Paper, Specialty tests ❏ Upload Private School Pre-ID file if necessary	ACCESS
❏ Update secure browser for DLM KITE Client ❏ Add new users to Educator Portal ❏ Encourage test administrators to complete the required test administrator training as early as possible ❏ Print and distribute DLM Individual Student Reports (ISRs)	DLM
❏ Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at Reading Readiness Overview and Reading Readiness FAQ	Reading Readiness
❏ Register for myNAEP and monitor/support your schools as they complete NAEP pre-assessment tasks	NAEP *(selected schools only)*

Online Resource Highlights*

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
Technology User Guide	This user guide describes how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot DRC INSIGHT	Forward
Spring 2017 and 2018 ACT and Workkeys Calendar	Provides 2017 and 2018 assessment window dates	ACT/WorkKeys
Welcome to your Testing Program Letter	Includes a list of changes for 2016-17, common terms used, and a testing process overview.	ACT/WorkKeys
ACCESS for ELLs Calendar	Provides an overview of relevant 2016-17 dates	ACCESS
WIDA Resources	Revamped training and manuals for 2016-17	ACCESS
DLM Data & Results resources	A sample parent letter for distribution with ISRs A one-page guide to downloading ISR reports	DLM
OSA Office Hours Webinar	The DAC Resources and Trainings page will house our recorded webinar, as well as the accompanying PPT	General
Report Card Resources	Various resources to assist in understanding, explaining, and using the 2015-16 School and District Report Card data	OEA